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WHEAT GROWER

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and

the 1964 Wheat Program

CURRENT SERIAL RECORDS

The small producer of wheat may take part in the 1964 wheat program, or he may choose not to participate.

You are considered to be a small producer if your wheat acreage allotment is less than 15 acres.

Here are two alternatives:

1. Your choice is to take part as an allotment grower.

This makes you eligible to vote in the marketing quota referendum May 21, and—if quotas are approved—to qualify as a cooperator for price supports, certificates, and payments for diverting wheat acreage to soil-conserving uses.

Your price support will be based on national average rates of \$2 a bushel for certificate wheat and \$1.30 for noncertificate wheat. Certificate wheat will be 80 percent of the normal production of the national acreage allotment. If you do not have enough wheat to market with your certificates because your yield is below normal, because of drought or other causes, or if you use some of your wheat on the farm, the unused certificates can be redeemed at the county ASC office at the rate of 70 cents a bushel.

As a small grower taking part in the program, you may divert all of your wheat acreage to soil-conserving uses and receive a payment representing 50 percent of the county support rate times the normal yield per acre times the acres in your small farm base. The acreage diverted is to be in addition to the normal conserving base for your farm.

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2. Your choice is to stay out of the program.

This means you may plant wheat on as many acres as you grew on the average in 1959-61 (up to 15 acres) without paying a marketing quota penalty. If your 1964 acreage allotment is larger than your 1959-61 average, that acreage may be used free of quota penalty.

However, you will not have a vote in the referendum, will not receive price support, will not receive certificates, and will not earn diversion payments.

Time limit: The final date for your choice is May 13. The law provides that only those small producers on a farm where the operator elects to participate as an allotment grower may vote in the referendum. This decision will be binding for the program for the 1964 crop.

FARM EXAMPLE

The alternatives are shown here for a typical farm with a small wheat allotment. For this example, the county support rate is \$2 a bushel, and the farm normal yield is 30 bushels per acre.

The farm allotment has been 2.1 acres. The wheat planting history has been: 1959, 15 acres; 1960, 9 acres; 1961, 15 acres, an average of 13 acres.

The farm thus has a small farm base of 13 acres, the average of plantings during the 3 base years. (The small farm base will be used in setting the allotment because the result will be a larger allotment than would be provided by the regular method of computing allotments.) The 1964 allotment on this farm is (90 percent of the small farm base) 11.7 acres.

The operator receives his notice (Form MQ-24) of allotment and small farm base.

Alternative No. 1. Chooses to be an allotment grower.

Operator signs on back of one copy of the notice of allotment and returns it to the county ASC office not later than May 13. He thus indicates his intention to vote and participate in the program.

Signs up—along with growers with larger allotments—for diversion program. He will qualify for marketing certificates on 80 percent of the normal yield on his allotted acreage, and price support on all wheat produced on his allotment. (If he chooses to divert the entire small farm base from wheat to conserving use, this grower qualifies for a payment of \$390. He may collect one-half of the total to be earned at the time of signup. He would not receive certificates.)

Plants 11.7 acres—(his allotment)

Receives Marketing Certificate Card showing 281 bushels eligible for \$2 support. Harvests 351 bushels.

Sells 281 bushels at market price reflecting the value of certificated wheat.

Sells 70 bushels at noncertificated market price.

RECEIPTS

Certificated wheat.....	\$562.00
Noncertificated wheat.....	91.00
Diversion payment.....	23.40
TOTAL.....	676.40

Alternative No. 2

No action necessary—not eligible to vote. Plants 13 acres of wheat (his base). Harvests 390 bushels of wheat.

Sells 390 bushels at the market price, estimated at \$1.30 a bushel.

TOTAL WHEAT INCOME..... \$507.00

In this example the difference per acre between participant and nonparticipant is \$13 per acre ($\$676 - 507 = \$169 \div 13 = \13).

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